

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended)                      Headphones having no headband, comprising:

a left driver unit;

a right driver unit;

a cord connecting said left driver unit and said right driver unit, the cord having a first part, a second part, and a third part;

a belt in which the second part of said cord is inserted, said belt having a first end and a second end, the second part of the cord with the belt surrounding is thicker than the first part and the third part of the cord;

a first end member, separate from and not attached to the left driver unit and separate from and not attached to the right driver unit, fixing said first part of the cord to said belt in which said first end member is provided at the first end of said belt;

a second end member, separate from and not attached to the left driver unit and separate from and not attached to the right driver unit, fixing said ~~second~~ third part of the cord to said belt in which said second end member is provided at the second end of said belt,

wherein the length of said belt is shorter than the length of said cord, and

wherein the first part of the cord connects the left driver unit and the first end member, the third part of the cord connects the right driver unit and the second end member, and the first and third parts are exposed outside of the belt and outside the right and left driver units,

wherein the thickened second part of the cord is a slip stopper to inhibit the headphones from slipping off a user when hung around the user's neck, and the thicker second part reduces the weight which the user feels on the user's neck.

3. (Previously Presented)                      The headphones according to claim 2, wherein said first end member has first protrusions to fix said cord and said belt, said first protrusions are provided on an inner surface of said first end member.

4. (Currently Amended)                      Headphones having no headband in which left and right driver units are connected by a cord having a first ~~part~~ part, a second part, and a third part, passed behind a neck, comprising;

a belt-shaped strap portion in which the second part of said cord is inserted into a belt, said belt having a first end and a second end, the second part of the cord with the belt-shaped strap surrounding is thicker than the first part and the third part of the cord, and the belt having a first end member provided at said first end and a second end member provided at said second end of said belt, respectively, and connected to said cord and said belt, said end members separate from said left and right drivers,

wherein each end member includes separate upper and lower members, protrusions to fix said cord and said belt are provided inside each of said end members, so that when the upper and

lower members of said end member are fitted together, said cord and said belt are held to be fixed, and

wherein the length of said belt is shorter than the length of said cord, and

wherein the first part of the cord connects the left driver unit and the first end member, the third part of the cord connects the right driver unit and the second end member, and the first and third parts are exposed outside of the belt and outside the right and left driver units,

wherein the thickened second part of the cord is a slip stopper to inhibit the headphones from slipping off a user when hung around the user's neck, and the thicker second part reduces the weight which the user feels on the user's neck.

5. (Previously Presented)                      The headphones according to claim 2, further comprising a first tube and a second tube each having an internal diameter larger than a diameter of said cord, said first tube and said second tube covering said cord in the vicinity of said first end and said second end, respectively, of said belt, and said first tube and said second tube are fixed to said belt by said first end member and said second end member, respectively.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented)                      The headphones according to claim 2, further comprising a ring provided at said first end member.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented)                      The headphones according to claim 7, wherein said ring passes through a hole in said first end member.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented)                      The headphones according to claim 2, wherein an outer circumference of a cross-section of said belt is approximately oval in shape.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented)                      The headphones according to claim 2, wherein said belt is provided with a print or ornament which is pliable and flexible when being bent.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented)                      The headphones according to claim 2, wherein slip prevention processing is applied to said belt.

16. – 20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented)                      The headphones according to claim 3, wherein said second end member has second protrusions to fix said cord and said belt, said second protrusions are provided on an inner surface of said second end member.

22. (Previously Presented)                      The headphones according to claim 2, wherein said first end member includes an upper member and a lower member.